

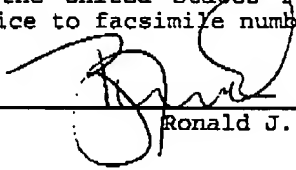
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2008. A petition for a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims of the present application is requested in view of the remarks that follow.

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